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1. ☒ The amendment filed on *18 January 2006* under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

   a) ☒ entered.

   b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

   c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

       Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1)

       and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

   d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

   e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

Applicant has added claim 18, which depends from allowable claim 1. Although applicant has not pointed out why the new claim was not presented earlier, applicant has addressed why the amendment was needed, why the new claims require no additional search, and why the claims are patentable, pursuant to MPEP 714.16. As it has been determined that said new claim does not present any new matter nor require additional searching and would be allowable for the reasons stated, the amendment has been entered.

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